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Coastal District Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

As of June 26, the sonar project near Pilot Station has estimated a cumulative passage of approximately 124,000 Chinook salmon. This cumulative passage estimate is well above average for this date, but below average for years with early run timing. However, based on sonar and run timing estimates, the 2016 Chinook salmon run is projected to be near the middle to upper end of the preseason outlook range of 130,000 to 175,000 Chinook salmon. A run of this size should be adequate to meet escapement goals and provide a limited harvestable surplus of Chinook salmon for subsistence.

The first three pulses of Chinook salmon have migrated out of the Coastal District. Based on historical early run timing, the Chinook salmon run should be about 90% complete in the lower river on July 1. Therefore, subsistence fishing closures are being discontinued in the Northern Portion of the Coastal District. Beginning July 1, subsistence fishermen may fish 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets consistent with subsistence fishing opportunities in District 1.

Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

In the **Northern Portion of the Coastal District** (from 62 degrees North latitude to Point Romanof and including all state marine waters): Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 1, subsistence salmon fishing will open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

In the **Southern Portion of the Coastal District**, (from the Naskonat Peninsula north to 62 degrees North latitude):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets.

As previously announced, effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 1, subsistence salmon fishing will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADF&G office in Emmonak at 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at 949-1798.

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